

Claims: Cancel claims 1-17, inclusive, and substitute new claims 18-33, inclusive, as follows.

Claims 1-17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (new): A method for providing notification of newly released public information comprising:
ascertaining at a time that an unpublished identifier can potentially correspond to a network resource having information that is scheduled to be publicly released after said time, wherein said unpublished identifier does not correspond to said network resource at said time;

determining after said time whether said information can be accessed from said network resource corresponding to said unpublished identifier; and,

providing notification that said information can be accessed from said network resource when it is determined that said information can be accessed from said network resource corresponding to said unpublished identifier.

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Claim 19 (new): The method, as set forth in claim 18, wherein said ascertaining at said time that said unpublished identifier can potentially correspond to said network resource includes selecting a time access method from one of a retrieval method, generation method, and input method.

Claim 20 (new): The method, as set forth in claim 19, wherein said generation method includes generating a starting time from said unpublished identifier.

Claim 21 (new): The method, as set forth in claim 19, wherein said retrieval method includes retrieving a starting time from user modifiable configuration settings.

Claim 22 (new): The method, as set forth in claim 18, wherein said determining after said time whether said information can be accessed from said network resource corresponding to said unpublished identifier includes performing a resource access request from said unpublished identifier.

Claim 23 (new): The method, as set forth in claim 22, wherein said resource access request includes a differencing resource method.

Claim 24 (new): The method, as set forth in claim 23, wherein said differencing resource method includes comparing the difference from one of a plurality of file dates, file sizes, and number of files counts from a directory.

Claim 25 (new): The method, as set forth in claim 18, wherein said providing notification that said information can be accessed from said network resource includes providing notification from one of a hyperlink access and automatic access.

Claim 26 (new): The method, as set forth in claim 25, wherein said hyperlink access includes selecting said hyperlink from one of a hyperlink determination method, hyperlink retrieval method, and hyperlink generation method.

Claim 27 (new): The method, as set forth in claim 26, wherein said hyperlink determination method includes selecting said differencing resource method, generating at least one hyperlink corresponding to the accessible network resource from said differencing resource method selection, and providing said notification having said hyperlink.

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Claim 28 (new): The method, as set forth in claim 27, wherein said providing said notification includes selecting a notification method corresponding to a subscriber.

Claim 29 (new): The method, as set forth in claim 28, wherein said selecting said notification method includes selecting a notification destination from one of a pager, e-mail, web page, television, phone, fax, instant message, and conferencing.

Claim 30 (new): The method, as set forth in claim 18, wherein said unpublished identifier is an unpublished uniform resource locator (URL) having at least one URL component.

Claim 31 (new): The method, as set forth in claim 30, wherein said URL component includes one of a year, month, week, day, time, and publishing interval.

Claim 32 (new): An apparatus for providing notification of newly released public information comprising:

- a processor;
- a memory in operative association with said processor;
- means for retrieving content from a computer network;
- means for ascertaining at a time that an unpublished identifier can potentially correspond to a

network resource having information that is scheduled to be publicly released after said time, wherein said unpublished identifier does not correspond to said network resource at said time;

means for determining after said time whether said information can be accessed from said network resource corresponding to said unpublished identifier; and,

means for providing notification that said information can be accessed from said network resource when it is determined that said information can be accessed from said network resource corresponding to said unpublished identifier.

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Claim 33 (new): A computer program product for providing notification of newly released public information comprising computer readable program code stored on a computer readable medium, the program code adapted to execute the method for ascertaining at a time that an unpublished identifier can potentially correspond to a network resource having information that is scheduled to be publicly released after said time, wherein said unpublished identifier does not correspond to said network resource at said time, determining after said time whether said information can be accessed from said network resource corresponding to said unpublished identifier, and providing notification that said information can be accessed from said network resource when it is determined that said information can be accessed from said network resource corresponding to said unpublished identifier.